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SUBJECT: FY-76 TQ IV NOMINATION: KIM KE-SOO

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1. POST NOMINATES DR. KIM KE-SOO, PRESIDENT OF KOREAN ASSN OF AMERICAN STUDIES, AND PROFESSOR POLITICAL SCIENCE AT HANKUK UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES, FOR TRANSITIONAL QUARTER IV GRANT FOR THIRTY-DAY OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION INCLUDING ATTENDANCE SMITHONIAN 1976 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD: 200 YEARS OF AMERICAN CULTURE -- WHAT DIFFERENCE HAS IT MADE?" TO WHICH NOMINEE HAS BEEN INVITED. THIS NOMINATION IS FOR FULL GRANT COVERING ROUND-TRIP ECONOMY AIR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, THIRTY DAYS' PER DIEM AND OTHER BENEFITS FUNCTION 210.

2. DR. KIM IS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES IN KOREAN AMERICAN STUDIES CURCLES WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO CHANGE THIS INITIALLY LITERATURE ORIENTED GROUP INTO A TRULY INTER-DISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC SOCIETY, AND HAS COOPERATED WITH USIS IN SPONSORING MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON AMERICAN STUDIES, LATEST BEING FORTHCOMING THREE-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION" TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 30- OCTOBER 2. AS KOREAN ASSN AMERICAN STUDIES IS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH POST WILL BE DEALING, A GRANT TO ITS PRESIDEN UNCLASSIFIED

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AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION SMITHONIAN CONFERENCE,

WILL OFFER UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR KIM TO BROADEN HIS PERSPECTIVES ON AMERICAN STUDIES AND STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN KOREAN AND AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS AREA.

3. BORN IN SEOUL SEPTEMBER 8, 1927, KIM RECEIVED B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN 1952; M.A. FROM GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IN JUNE 1973 (ACTUAL STUDY, 1960-64); AND PH.D. FROM HANKUK UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES, FEBRUARY 1975. PROFESSOR, HANKUK UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES SINCE 1971 AND KONKUK UNIVERSITY BETWEEN 1955-71 WHILE TEACHING COURSES AS PART-TIME LECTURER AT SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND EWHA WOMANS UNIVERSITY; DEAN OF EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS, 1969-70, AND ACTING DEAN, GRADUATE SCHOOL, 1968-69, AT KONKUK UNIVERSITY. VICE PRESIDENT, KOREAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSN SINCE 1975; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CHAIRMAN OF STUDYING COMMITTEE), KOREAN ASSN AMERICAN STUDIES, 1970-73; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CHAIRMAN, STUDYING COMMITTEE AND EDITORIAL COMMITTEE), KOREAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSN, 1969-72. IN SUMMER 1973 VISITED MONTREAL TO ATTEND IPSA CONVENTION AND U.S. FOR APSA ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD IN ST. LOUIS, MO.; AND JAPAN IN SUMMER 1972 TO ATTEND KYOTO AMERICAN STUDIES SEMINAR. AUTHOR OF KOREAN POLITICAL SCIENCE, ILCHO-KAK PUBLISHING CO., SEOUL, 1969 AND TRANSLATOR OF ALFRED DEGRAZIA'S POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, SANGJI PUBLISHING CO., SEOUL, 1970. HAS WIFE AND TWO SONS (17 & 15). SPEAKS VERY GOOD ENGLISH, INTERPRETER NOT REQUIRED. ADDRESS: 373-128, SHINDANG-DONG, CHUNG-KU, SEOUL.

4. KIM INVITED ATTEND SMITHONIAN CONFERENCE BY LETTER DATED JUNE 11 FROM ALLEN F. DAVIS, CONFERENCE COORDINATOR, AMERICAN STUDIES ASSN (TEL: 215-243-5408). SUGGEST COORDINATE WITH DAVIS IF GRANT APPROVED. KIM WISHES BEGIN PROGRAM EARLY SEPTEMBER, IF APPROVED, SO THAT HE MAY ALSO ATTEND AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSN CONVENTION, SEPTEMBER 2-5, IN CHICAGO.

5. SATISFACTORY NAME CHECK RECEIVED. APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE. WILL PROVIDE PROGRAM INTEREST UPON APPROVAL GRANT.
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